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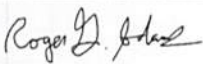
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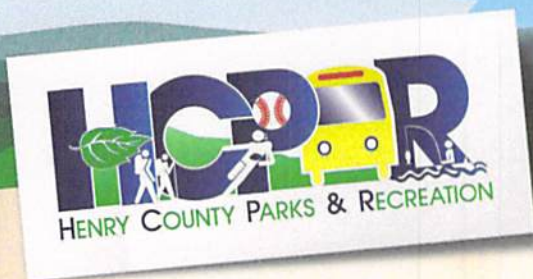
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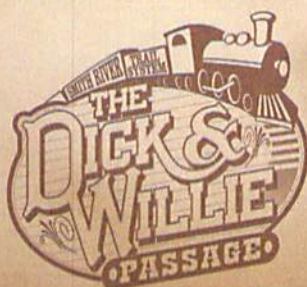
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Brief Overview

Henry County Parks and Recreation renovates an underused group campground at Philpott Lake by partnering with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE). When building Philpott Marina, Henry County approached the USACOE about including an underused group campground in the leased area for Philpott Marina. The campground is located on the hill above the marina.

The campground was only used a few weekends a year and was in need of many improvements. Henry County built a new restroom / bathhouse building, upgraded each campsite with new water, sewer and electric service, renovated the picnic shelter and build a new boat dock for use by the campground renters. The campground is now booked almost every day from March through November and is booked a year ahead of time.





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Executive Summary

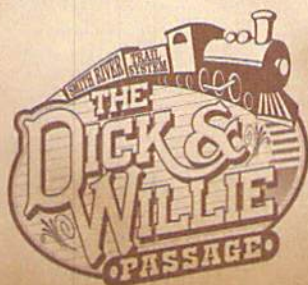
Henry County Parks and Recreation partners with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) at Philpott Lake to create a very successful group campground. When developing and building Philpott Marina, Henry County approached the USACOE about leasing and redeveloping an underused group campground that was located on the hill above the marina that was under construction.

The USACOE agreed to lease that facility to the county and include that lease as part of the Philpott Marina lease. Henry County made improvements and renovations to the campground that included:

- Construction of a new restroom / bathhouse facility
- Reworking each of the 10 campsites and installing new water, sewer and electric connections.
- Repaved all of the asphalt areas.
- Refurbishing the existing picnic shelter.
- Construction of a boat dock for use by the renters of the group campground.



After taking over the operations of this campground and making improvements, the campground that was rented for a few weekends a year is now almost completely rented one full year in advance. The revenue from the campground fully supports the operational costs and funds are able to be accumulated for future capital projects.





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Philpott Marina Group Campground Award Application

Philpott Lake is a beautiful, peaceful lake that is partially located in Henry County. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) operates the lake as well as the recreation facilities around the lake including campgrounds, beaches and boat ramps. The campgrounds around the lake are reserved on a single site basis, meaning one user reserving one individual site. The individual sites get booked up fairly quickly. There was one group campground that the USACOE had in their system but it was outdated and not used to its potential.

During the planning process for the Philpott Marina that the county was going to build and operate, we approached the USACOE about us about taking over management of the group campground and including it in our leased area. We saw this as an opportunity to add an amenity to our park system that we did not have and also to help promote tourism at Philpott Lake. So the leased area that the county leased from the ASACOE included the marina and group campground which is located on the hill overlooking the marina.

After we signed the lease agreement, we committed funds to renovate the group campground area to make it a desirable place for people to rent and stay. Renovations included:

- Construction of a new restroom / bathhouse facility
- Reworking each of the 10 campsites and installing new water, sewer and electric connections.
- Repaved all of the asphalt areas.
- Refurbishing the existing picnic shelter.
- Construction of a boat dock for use by the renters of the group campground.

The county was able to save a substantial amount of funds by using its own staff to do a majority of the work making the improvements. The campground is now the most desirable place for groups to stay at Philpott Lake. It is rented a year in advance and is booked most every day during normal camping season from March to November.

The whole Philpott Marina and Campground project has been wildly successful for us. The revenue from the marina and campground fully pay the operational costs of both facilities. These facilities have also greatly increased visitors to Philpott Lake and the amount of revenue dollars that these facilities bring to our county.

